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SUBJ: IRAN AND CENTO

1. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS WITH MFA UNDERSECRETARY NADIM (REPORTED SEPARATELY), I ASKED HOW HE THOUGHT THE JUST CONCLUDED CENTO MEETING HAD GONE. HE SAID THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE PERFECT AND HE PRAISED ACTING SECRETARY RUSH FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAD CONDUCTED THE DISCUSSIONS. HE NOTED HOWEVER THAT UK FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN SEEMED NOT TO BE ABLE OR WILLING TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO ANYTHING -- THAT THE TURKS BECAUSE OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY AT HOME WERE IN THE SAME BOAT AND THAT THE ONLY REASON PAKS HAD ATTENDED WAS BECAUSE THEY HAD HOPED FOR A CHANCE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. IN SUM, HE SAID HE FELT THAT NO ONE WAS REALLY VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN CENTO ANY LONGER. WHEN I REMONSTRATED, NADIM REPLIED QTE WELL MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD BEEN PRESENT. UNQTE

2. HE ADDED THAT WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY HAD LEARNED IN LONDON ON HIS WAY TO THE UNITED STATES THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS NOT GOING TO BE PRESENT, HE VERY NEARLY CANCELLED HIS TRIP. HE CHANGED HIS MIND AT THE LAST MOMENT, HOWEVER, ON LEARNING THAT CALLAGHAN INTENDED TO GO AS SCHEDULED IN SPITE OF THE SECRETARY'S ABSENCE.

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